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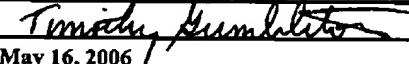
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION****MAILED MARCH 16, 2006**

Sir:

This is a response to the outstanding Office Action mailed on March 16, 2006, (hereinafter, the "Office Action") by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-referenced application. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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